



Survive and Save Club Newsletter

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Happy New Year

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas and New Year.

Memberships

Despite accepting new memberships to the club, many failed to turn up to classes. So we are continuing our offer of 10% discount to members who introduce new members to the club. Names can be registered on the waiting list allowing anyone from the age of 5 years upwards to join our classes. Waiting list priority will be given to new members of existing family members. Application forms are available from the front desk or from our website at www.surviveandsave.org.

From the Education & Development Corner

Swimming lessons

Thank you for your patience during this time. We are currently running a course leading to ASA Level 2 Certificate for Teaching swimming. This means that we will have more fully qualified personnel. As part of the course, teachers are rotated in order to develop their experience with different abilities. The course will conclude on 9 March in which the 7 candidates will learn whether they have been successful or not.



A polite reminder, no jewellery should be worn by any swimmer or lifesaver.

Time keeping – Please ensure that you arrive **PROMPTLY** for your lesson.



Please ensure Swimming hats are worn at all times. You are able to purchase these at the desk if required.

The walkthrough showers are not be used for showering. Please use the ones around the corner.



If your child has been promoted, they are likely to be eligible for their ASA National Swim Award certificate & badge at a cost of £2 from the front desk. **REWARD YOUR CHILD & PURCHASE TODAY!**

Term dates for 2007

Spring Term 5 January – 30 March 07

Summer Term 20 April – 13 July 07

Please ensure you next term fees are paid by 30 March 07

Lifesaving



Congratulations to Dawn Maidment, Kanita Theivendran, Kasun Theivendran, Rohan Karkhanis, Kushal Pandya, Lilian Knight, Tom Journet (not pictured) & Kantan Theivendran (not pictured) for completing the Middlesex Branch Assistant Teacher course awarded with the Life Support 3. They are now given probationary status. Sally Baldwin and Ray Lau were the course tutors.

In addition, congratulations to Lisa Robson, Viraj Mithani and Veeraj Thakrar who have now been awarded RLSS Qualified Assistant Teacher status.

This brings us to 15 RLSS Assistant Teachers (lifesaving) with a mixture of probationary and qualified. Most are pictured with Sally and Ray. Within the branch, we have 23 Assistant teachers, with over two thirds being made up from our club. Impressive!

The National Education Committee were impressed with the quality of Ray's presentation and course structure, he has been asked to prepare this work for the society so that this work can be used across the whole country!

The club's going national!

Our club website www.surviveandsave.org has been revised and you can find out more current information about training and development opportunities. The club's official web design team, Dark Green Studios who also produced the club's training DVD also have been back to take more photos.

In addition, we had a "photo" shoot with an interviewer and photographer back in January 2007. The Amateur Swimming Association has identified our club as good practice in promoting diversity encouraging all members of the community to participate. This has now led to a possible two-page spread in the "Swimming Times". This national magazine reaches a wide audience. We have been told that this will appear in (fingers crossed!) April 2007 and to keep an eye out for this!

Also check out the ASA website as www.britishswimming.org we have also been asked to feature on the website.

Can I thank everyone for being so co-operative as the interviewer was very impressed with our club activities, training and opportunities.

We also had a visit from Mark Griggs, who is the ASA Regional Education Officer for the London region who was certainly impressed with our training programme of courses. His remit is to develop the provision within the area. We are one of the only few (less than 2) clubs in London to run such a programme.

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